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Certificate of Dr. W. Smith, of Pine Hill, Richmond County, N. C.

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I have this day taken to Messrs. STEARNS & MARVIN, Manufacturers of WILDER'S Patent Salamander SAFES, New York, the Patent right of my **ROTATING PERMUTATION PLATE LOCK,** commonly called the **WORLD'S FAIR LOCK.**

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WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, DIAMONDS, &c.
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We have on exhibition at the Fair at the Smithsonian Institute, four superb PIANOS, which were made expressly for the Fair, and may be called upon as superior instruments. We will give them upon very reasonable terms, give any reasonable time on them, divide the payments into small notes, in fact, make any reasonable arrangement to suit the purchaser.

We have also on hand in store the largest and most reliable assortment of Pianos ever offered in this city, from the renowned manufacturers of Halle, Paris, &c., Boston, and Bacon & Ryven, New York. mar 13-17

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The Navy Register for the United States for the year 1855. Official Army Register for 1855. Just published and for sale at TAYLOR & MAURY'S, Bookstore, near 9th st. mar 10

EVENING STAR.

GOV. TACON AND THE CIGAR GIRL.
During the first year of Tacon's governorship in Cuba, a young Creole girl, named Miralda Estales, kept a little cigar shop in the Calle des Mercaderes, and her shop was the resort of all the young of the town who loved a choicely made and superior cigar. Miralda was only seventeen, without father or mother living, and earned an humble though sufficient support by her industry in the manufactory we have named, and by the sales of her store.

She was a picture of ripened tropical beauty, with a finely rounded form, a lovely face of a soft olive tint, and teeth that were a dash of languor in her eye that would have warmed an anchorite; and then her cheerful jests were so delicate, yet free, that she had unwittingly turned the heads, not to say hearts, of half the young merchants in the Calle des Mercaderes. But she dispensed her favors without partiality; none of the rich and gay exquisites of Havana could say they had ever received any particular acknowledgment from the fair young girl to their warm and constant attentions. For this one she had a pleasant smile, for another she had a few words of gossiping, and for a third a snatch of a Spanish song; but to none did she give her confidence; except to young Pedro Matanzas, a fine looking boatman, who plied between the Punta and Moro Castle, situated on the opposite side of the harbor.

Pedro was a manly and courageous young fellow, rather above his class in intelligence, appearance and associations, and pulled his oars with a strong arm and a light heart, and loved the beautiful Miralda with an ardent romantic and truthful. He was a sort of leader among the boatmen in the harbor, for reason of his superior cultivation and intelligence, and his quick-witted sagacity was often turned for the benefit of his comrades. Many were the noble deeds he had done and about the harbor since a boy, for he had followed his calling of a waterman from boyhood, as his fathers had done before him.

Miralda in turn ardently loved Pedro, and when he came at night and sat in the back part of her little shop, she had always a neat and fragrant cigar for his lips. Now and then, when she could steal away from her shop, on some holiday, Pedro would hoist a tiny sail in the prow of his boat, and securing the little stern awning over Miralda's head, would steer out into the gulf and coast along the romantic shore.

There was a famous ruse, well known at this time in Havana, named Count Almante, who had conceived a passion for the girl, and, indeed, he had grown to be one of her most liberal customers. With a cunning and shrewdness, and a knowledge of human nature, the Count besieged the heart of his intended victim without appearing to do so, and carried on his plan of operations for many weeks before the innocent girl even suspected his possessing a partiality for her, until one day she was surprised by a present from him of so rare and costly a nature as to lead her to suspect the donor's intentions towards her, and to promptly decline the proffered gift. Undismayed by this, still the Count continued his profuse patronage in a way to which Miralda could find no plausible pretext of complaint.

At last, seizing upon what he considered a favorable moment, Count Almante declared his passion to Miralda, besought her to come and be the mistress of his broad and rich estates at Cerite, near the city, and offered all the promises of wealth, favor and fortune—but in vain. The pure minded girl scorned his offer, and bade him never more insult her by visiting her shop. Abashed, but not confounded, the Count retired; but only to weave a new snare whereby he could entangle her, for he was not to be easily thwarted.

One afternoon, not long after this, as the twilight was settling over the town, a file of soldiers halted just opposite the door of the little cigar shop, when a young man, wearing a lieutenant's insignia, entered and asked the attendant if her name was Miralda Estales, to which she timidly responded.

"Then you will please come with me."

"By what authority?" asked the girl.

"The order of the Governor General."

"Then I must obey you," she answered; and prepared to follow him at once.

Stepping to the door with her, the young officer directed his men to march on, and getting into a volante, told Miralda they would drive to the guard-house. But to the surprise of the girl, she soon after discovered that they were rapidly passing the city gates, and immediately after were dashing off on the road to Cerite. Then it was she began to fear that some tricks had been played upon her; and these fears were soon confirmed by the volante's turning down the long alley of palms that led to the estate of Count Almante. It was in vain to expostulate now; she felt that she was in the power of the reckless nobleman, and the pretended officers and soldiers were his own people, who had adopted the disguise of the Spanish army uniform.

Count Almante met her at the door, told her to fear no violence, that her wishes should be respected in all things, save her personal liberty; that he trusted, in time, to persuade her to look more favorably upon him, and that in all things he was her slave. She replied contemptuously to his words, and charged him with the cowardly trick by which he had gained control of her liberty. But she was left by herself, though watched by his orders at all times to prevent her escape.

She knew very well that the power

and will of Count Almante were too strong for any humble friend of hers to thwart; and yet she somehow felt a conscious strength in Pedro; and secretly cherished the idea that he would discover her place of confinement, and adopt some means to deliver her. The stiletto is the constant companion of the lower classes, and Miralda had been used to wear one even in her store against contingency; but she now regarded the tiny weapon with peculiar satisfaction, and slept with it in her bosom.

Small was the clue by which Pedro Mantanzas discovered the trick of Count Almante. First, this was found out, then that circumstance, and these, being put together, they led to other results, until the indefatigable lover was at last fully satisfied that he had discovered her place of confinement. Disguised as a friar of the order of San Felipe, he sought Count Almante's gates at a favorable moment, met Miralda, cheered her with fresh hopes and retired to arrange some plan for her delivery. There was time to think now; heretofore he permitted himself not even an hour's sleep; but she was safe, that is not in immediate danger, and he could breathe more freely. He knew not with whom to advise; he feared to advise with those above him in society, lest they might betray his purpose to the Count, and his own liberty by some means be thus jeopardized. He could only consider with himself, he must be his own counsellor in this critical case.

At last, as if in despair, he started to his feet one day, and exclaimed to himself, "Why not see the Governor-General and tell him the whole truth? Ah